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DR. MANNON RETIRES BY USHNA ANWAR Staff Writer

Torrance Unified School District Superintendent, Dr. George Mannon, announced his plans to retire at the end of June 2020. Dr. Mannon has spent fifteen years as the Superintendent of Torrance Unified School District. He is a well-known citizen of Torrance and an active member in his community.

Dr. Mannon is very well-educated, to say the least. He earned his Bachelor's in Social Studies at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and went on to gain his Master's in History from Marshall University in West Virginia. Dr. Mannon ultimately earned his Doctorate in Education Administration from Arizona State University.

Like most administrators, Dr. Mannon garnered years of teaching experience before becoming an administrator. He was a Social Studies teacher at Charleston High School in West Virginia, and ultimately became an Assistant Principal there. Following that, he was hired as Executive Director of Kanawha County Schools, also in West Virginia, from 1984 to 1987. Dr. Mannon then worked as a principal for the Phoenix Union High School District from 1987 to 1993.

Torrance The School District Board of Education hired Dr. George Mannon in 2005 as Superintendent of Schools. transferred to Torrance from Glendora Unified School District where he had been the Superintendent since July of 2000. Prior to that, he was the Superintendent of the Tustin Unified School District from 1996 to 2000, and Carlsbad Unified School District from 1993 to 1996. He transferred to Glendora Unified from School District where he had been the Superintendent since July of 2000.

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Along with being an excellent superintendent for many years, Dr. Mannon is also an active member in his community. He has been involved with Rotary International for twenty-three years, in addition to being the President of the Tustin Rotary Club for one year. Dr. Mannon is still an active member of the Torrance Del Amo Rotary Club, along with being on the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation Advisory Board.

Dr. George Mannon has done a superlative job serving the City of Torrance within the confines of education and community service. Mr. Don Lee of the Torrance Unified School District Board of Education stated, "Torrance Schools are a far better place because of Dr. Mannon." His time as Superintendent has impacted the lives of students in Torrance tremendously and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors!





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THERESA HOLLIS RETIRES BY MIKI IGNACIO

Staff Writer

After twenty-three years, Theresa Hollis, one of Torrance High School's most ignificant faculty members, is retiring on leptember 11. Throughout her career at THS, Mrs. Hollis has held leadership positions in the Curriculum Office and as the Principal's Assistant.

Mrs. Hollis is a Torrance High School alumnus from the class of 1972. She started working in Torrance Unified School District in September of 1993 at Bert Lynn Middle School and Calle Mayor Middle School.

Later, she worked at West High School as an assistant to the Assistant Principal. However, when a chance to work at THS opened up, Mrs. Hollis "jumped at the opportunity to return to [her] alma mater." The love and passion for her school brought her back even after graduation.

Each day brought valuable and cherished experiences for Mrs. Hollis, and students played an endearing role. "I love being around students," she remarks, "...the students are so smart, bright and clever." Keeping up with the latest trends, gazing at the senior patio from her window, watching freshman grow up into seniors, and hearing them laugh in the halls were the little things Mrs. Hollis appreciated while working at THS.

"One of the reasons I enjoy my job is that you never know what each day will bring." Some may dislike unpredictability, but Mrs. Hollis looked at it in a positive light—though she has had her fair share of challenging times. Numerous school events, such as the start of the school year and graduation, kept her busy, but

Mrs. Hollis stated, "you just work through to get everything done."

With her husband and THS's football coach, Rock Hollis, she looks forward to her retirement. Although Mrs. Hollis will have more leisure time, she admits she will "miss the hectic schedule of the school year" and the "wonderful faculty and staff." Working at THS brought pleasant connections and friends for a lifetime.

After retirement, Mrs. Hollis plans on working on several projects at home, and desires to take a vacation during the fall to see the "fall foliage on the east coast." Mrs. Hollis also plans on traveling to Texas to visit her daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren more often

Mrs. Hollis has made many memories during her time at THS, but one memory in particular is very special to her: a student's grandfather walked into her office and reminisced about an outstanding athlete back in his time. As the conversation progressed, Mrs. Hollis realized the athlete in question was none other than her husband, Rock. Mrs. Hollis is thankful for her time at THS supporting the students she holds so dear.

Because much of the Hollis family are Torrance High School graduates, Mrs. Hollis expresses sadness knowing the connection she has of the past and present will end with her retirement. Although the connection may dissipate, Torrance High School will never forget the happiness she brought to this campus. Wishing Mrs. Hollis all the best seems grossly inadequate compared to the legacy she leaves behind.

FAREWELL TO FOOTBALL, ROCK HOLLIS BY MIKI IGNACIO

Staff Writer

Rock Hollis, Torrance High School's head football coach of twenty-six years, gives a fond farewell to football and a warm welcome to retirement. After beginning his coaching career in January of 1991, Mr. Hollis quickly became the head football coach for THS in 1994.

Previous to coaching high school athletes, Mr. Hollis coached his own children in sports, including "running, baseball, basketball, swimming, tennis, and volleyball." When his predecessor, Bill Bynum, offered him a coaching position, Mr. Hollis said he "jumped at the chance to make a difference and inspire the guys to play with intensity," eager to aid in the mentoring of the next generation's athletes.

Accepting a coaching role pushed Mr. Hollis' involvement in the sport of football to come full circle, as he finds it to be "an honor to coach and play at the same school." As a player at THS, Mr. Hollis was a Blanket Award recipient, explaining it was "exhilarating to coach Blanket Award winners each year." He found passion in guiding student athletes along a path of success similar to the one he had walked years ago.

After approximately two decades of coaching football, Mr. Hollis walks away with an extensive highlight reel. He joyfully recalls moments such as the "second round of CIF playoffs in the 2011 season" in which "we won over Ojai to put us in the semi-finals."

In addition to memories made with his athletes, Mr. Hollis was fortunate enough to have made memories with his family. "From 1993-1998, my whole family was there together

under the Friday night lights," he remarked. "My daughter was a cheerleader and my son played

The legacy Mr. Hollis leaves behind is one of great impact and gratitude. George Tachibana, Director of Athletics at THS, commented: "He has always cared deeply for all of his players and the feeling was mutual." Mr. Tachibana added, "He was always there for his players, pushing them to improve as both football players and people." Throughout his career, Mr. Hollis proved to be a mentor as well as a coach.

"I've juggled two jobs since I started coaching and it will be nice to have extra time to focus on my business and family." Mr. Hollis looks forward to retiring with his wife and fellow THS faculty member, Theresa Hollis. He plans on focusing on his electrical business, as well as visiting his daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren in Texas.

However, as excited as he is to begin writing a more relaxed, leisurely chapter of his life, when asked what he will miss most, Mr. Hollis responded, "I will miss the excitement and intensity of the game....when I hear the fight song, smell the fresh cut grass, hear the roar of the crowd, and see the cheerleaders on the sidelines, I get goosebumps."

As a former THS student athlete and football coach, Mr. Hollis expresses a nostalgic sadness with his retirement, thinking of all of the athletes who have run onto the field before him, and those who will in the future. Mr. Hollis concludes his thoughts with the two words he has spent a good portion of his life chanting: "Go Tartars!"



LOCAL NEWS

Recovering the Economy

BY MIKI IGNACIO Staff Writer

During COVID-19 has affected the economy on a global scale, but recent reports have shown a hopeful return. Economies in some countries have slowly started to improve as businesses reopen and people are returning to work.

Stock prices have made a steady rise, as CNN Business reports. As of May 27, companies such as Delta Air Lines, Inc., and Bank of America Corp. have increased by at least 7% in their stocks. In addition, Anthony Scaramucci, founder and managing partner of SkyBridge Capital, claims the possibility of a "20% move [to go] in the structured credit markets." This recovery could be the catalyst of an economic recovery in America many citizens are anticipating.

China has also been showing signs of recovery, as industrial output has increased. Bloomberg reports, "Industrial output rose 3.9% from a year earlier," which means there are more products to be exported universally. This, in turn,

will increase the global economic flow, even by a miniscule margen.

According to Yahoo, nearly "40 million [Americans] are out of work," and "more than 2.4 people million filed unemployment claims" last week. Although the economy is slowly returning to the thriving entity it was three months ago, many Americans fear losing their jobs or having their salaries reduced. As the economy cannot immediately improve, workers must endure the harsh conditions until stable relief becomes eminent.

COVID-19 has made the year a challenging time for everyone. Those with and without jobs hope for the pandemic to ease in order to recover the economy and return back to a normal lifestyle. Millions of people seek an optimistic outcome, and it is coming; all sources conclude the economy is making its way

Reopening from Quarantine

BY JOSHUA FLORES Staff Writer

By press time, it will be 81 days since the stay-at-home orders permeated the universal society. The quarantine has caused devastating effects on working class Americans and the US economy. According to Anneken Tappe and Tami Luhby of CNN Business, the amount of first-time claimants for unemployment was estimated at "36.5 million since mid-March," or about 22% of the US workforce. This means millions of families are relying on stimulus checks from the government as their source of

Simon, a banking, retirement, and investing expert for smartasset.com, concluded over "128 million stimulus checks have been paid out for a total amount of almost \$220 billion," or about 39% of the US population.

The amount of Coronavirus cases in the US is over one million, and the state of New York is the most affected with over 250,000 confirmed cases, according to worldmeters.info. Despite Florida having a larger population than New York, the Sunshine State has fewer cases and a lower amount of deaths from the coronavirus in comparison.

Texas, a state that also has a higher population than New York, has a lower amount of cases as well. Silas Allen, an editor for the Dallas Observer. reports Texas is currently in phase two of reopening businesses.

Texas Governor Greg Abbot was quoted: "Starting immediately, child-care services are able to open, and "that also includes programs like Boys and Girls Clubs and YMCA programs." It is logical to assume medical professionals in Texas acknowledge the fact it is safe for Texas to reopen its businesses in phases.

American small businesses are still struggling from the quarantine and governmental overreach. The government has decided to revise the Paycheck Protection Program, which is a loan that helps businesses keep their workforce employed. The government is expected to extend the time to spend the money an additional two months according to an article by Fox Business.

Under the PPP, 75% of the money given to businesses is to be used on employee salaries. Despite the loans, businesses are still losing significant revenue. Janice Riordan, who runs a women's clothing boutique in Venice, Florida, has lost 70% of her revenue between mid-March and early May.

Many other entrepreneurs are in similar situations, which means the sooner all businesses reopen the better. Small businesses who employ less than twenty-five people make up 90% of the American economic landscape. We must give those businesses a chance to recover from lack of revenue for the good of the country.

Armed Forces Day Parade Canceled

BY JOSHUA FLORES

Staff Writer

This year the City of Torrance would have hosted the 61st Annual Armed Forces Parade but due the Coronavirus quarantine it was cancelled. The parade, which includes military displays and other activities, was scheduled to last from May 15 to 17. The Torrance Police Department, who organizes the parade, notified volunteers via email on March 18 according to an article written by Nick Green, a journalist for the *Daily Breeze*.

The email read: "As always,

we appreciate all of your hard work and dedication in planning this amazing event," and "We hope you all take the necessary precautions to stay healthy with the current health concerns and we look forward to planning next year's event with all of you."

Last year's Armed Forces Day Parade celebrated the US Navy. The parade attracted 60,000 people according to *Discover Torrance*. Last year's celebration had military exhibits on display, including aircraft, vehicles, and support equipment. Two free concerts were also held last year by a military band at the James Armstrong Theatre over that weekend.

Did you know that the City of Torrance is one of the few cities in the US sanctioned by the Department of Defense to honor our military by being able to host an Annual Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration? It is also the country's longest running military parade sponsored by any city.

Each year, the City of Torrance chooses a branch from the United States Army, Marine Corps, the Navy, the Coast Guard, or Air Force in recognition. A high ranking member of the branch serves as the Grand Marshall.

Last year, Rear Adm. Babette "Bette" Bolivar, commander of Navy Region Southwest, served as the parade Grand Marshall.

The Armed Forces Day Parade celebrations began in 1960 under Mayor Albert Isen. Until recently, nothing has ever stopped the parade from being presented. This tradition has been around for a long time and it is a shame that we were not able to experience it this year. Hopefully, our city will be able to honor our servicemen and women without any interruption next May.





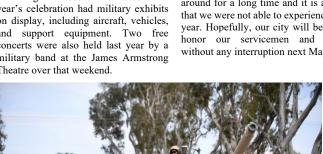




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Eduardo Benitez on... WHERE ARE YOU SCOOB!Y DOO?

Now on Video-on-Demand comes Warner Bros. animated classic and cowardly canine mystery solver, Scooby Doo, in his latest animated picture, Scoob! Directed by Tony Cervone, the film tells the origins of how Shaggy (played by Will Forte) met his faithful companion Scooby Doo (played by the original voice actor Frank Welker) as well as the rest of the Mystery Gang.

finding After Scooby's true purpose, Shaggy and Scooby are chased down by the film's villain, Dick Dastardly (played by Jason Issacs) who intends on capturing Scooby and using him for his evil intent.

The film blatantly appeals only to children. Unlike most animated pictures where even parents can enjoy a bit of sense of it, Scoob! delivers nothing for the family to enjoy and primarily focuses on telling modern day jokes that only kids will appreciate.

The style and look of the movie resemble the original cartoon slightly where they give it the 2D look with 3D visuals most animated films try to portray today. The movement and flow of the cartoons could be a bit more expressive as some characters have a rather slow and stiff movement.

Reviews of this film are mixed. Brian Lowry of CNN.com, "Beyond the improved says, computer animation... sequences worthy of attention are too few and very far between." Christy Lemire, from RogerEbert.com, compares it to"a confounding and convoluted origin story to a pretty straightforward Saturday morning cartoon."

This film suffers from its child-like writing and depends on fans of the old Hanna Barbera cartoons to understand references permeating the film. Parents set your lovely children in front of the screen and play this inane film for them while working on more important

Eduardo Benitez on. . .

XENOBLADE CHRONICLES DEFINITIVE EDITION

American release of the definitive techniques in the game are on a Xenoblade Chronicles Definitive Edition completely different level. is finally here! Produced by Nintendo and developed by Monolith Soft and Monster simply gorgeous. The landscape of the Games, thi is the super-enhanced and game's world is truly a wonder to gorgeously-reconstructed rerelease of behold! Many players will sit in awe at 2010's Xenoblade Chronicles.

wielder of the legendary sword, the regions of the game being played, of Monodo, our protagonist, Shulk, along with course. his party, band together in search for the answers clouding the mystery surrounding problems, like learning the intricate the Monodo and its purposes. They do all of combat system, improvement with the this while attacking and defending voice acting, and a few tweaks are themselves from giant evil robots bent on needed to the story line. But the game is using the sword's power for evil.

The combat within this game is very unique and reasonably hard to understand for any whopping \$59.99 and is a testament to experienced player.

Button commands will appear to try out this remaster. each time you select a move and learning

The desperately-deserved North various combos and other special

The graphics in the game are the scenery changes as well as the tone After discovering he is the true in the music, depending upon the

The game has its fair share of a massive reward to dedicated players The game is difficult to master. who put their time and effort into it.

The game is priced at a true RPG games of the past. Any hardcore RPG fans will definitely want









Prom 2020

BY KAYLA COLLINS Editor-in-Chief

by high schools at the end of the academic year, typically for students in their senior or junior year. This year Covid-19 has unfairly stripped seniors of their last few months of their high school experience. What's their side of the story?

New York Times interviewed 18-year-old Trey Hepburn about his opinion on prom 2020. He stated" I was actually hoping that I would get prom king... I was thinking, I'd be dancing with somebody, and then the music stops, and they announce it, and as soon as they do, everyone starts cheering and chanting my name". For many senior's prom was one of the biggest things they were looking forward to.

Many seniors worked all year long and put all of their creativity in their

Prom is a formal dance held outfits for prom and wanted to finally be able to show off their hard work. But unfortunate circumstances stopped them from having one of the most memorable nights in high school.

17-year-old Aaliyah Flores-Pliego told the New York Times "I always envisioned prom as something special, something memorable, just because you only go to high school once". Prom has been and always will be a big part of the high school experience. Every high schooler has their own take on prom. But every high schooler looks forward to their own high school experience and the forever lasting memories that comes with it. 2020 graduates have shown nothing, but strength and determination and their hard work will be recognized and greatly remembered for years to come.



SENIOR QUOTES



JANNA
VILLANUEVA

"If you do
something to be
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you did something
above and

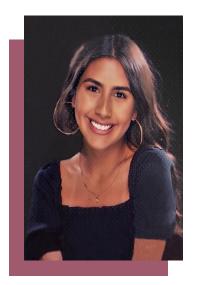
beyond."





"The person you are today is the accumulation of all of your past selves."





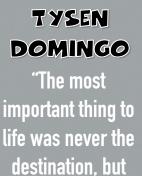
"What can I say about school? I laughed. I cried. It was fun."

KAMILA



"Keep going even though times are hard."

AUDRIEMAE



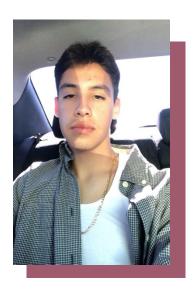
rather the

journey."



DANIEL MEZA

"I'd rather be exclusive than already known."





THOMAS ACEVES

"Through doubt at neglect, we thrive."



DAEZSA PASION

"Just keep swimming!" -Dory

CRISTEN LEI IRASUSTA

"I don't really care cause I'm done."

-Lil Uzi Vert



EMMA ORTIZ

"I wish there was a way to know you're in the good old days, before you've actually left them."

-Andy Bernard



VALENZUELA "Nice work you

"Nice work you did. You're gonna go far, kid." -The Offspring

SAVANNAH



JADEN WARD

"I'd like to thank coffee for allowing me o get to this point."

ISABELLA CORREA

"I'm outta here!"
-Incidental 49A
Fish from
Spongebob,
episode "Opposite
Day"



DANIEL DINICOLA

"Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future." -John F. Kennedy





BOLA SOLIMAN

"Just because you are trash, doesn't mean you can't do great things. Its trash can, not trash can't."

SENIOR QUOTES



JOHN PHILIP DOROY

"Whether you hate school or not, this year goes to show how fast high school goes (or life in general). It only happens once so make the most of it before you go onto your next journey in life."

MADISON ALBERS

"The best way to predict the future is to make your own." -Flynn Rider

JASMINE MARTINEZ

"Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, and dreams are forever." -Walt Disney

EMILY C. MARTINEZ

"Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn." -Rhett Butler

CHARLIE CHEN

"Life is like a camera
-FOCUS on what's
important
-CAPTURE the good
times
-DEVELOP from the
negatives
And of things don't work
out, take another shot."

DANIEL RODRIGUEZ

"It really doesn't matter how bad it gets, there will always be someone you don't expect right down with you that will get you out of there"

VIANAKA ISLAS

"sick girl summer!...or whatever Megan Thee Stallion said."

MARISSA RODRIGUEZ

"Graduating
already?!?! Damn,
time flies when
you sleep through
first period."



EDUARDO BENITEZ

"Be responsible for your own happiness an never let anything else get in the way of it."

eric

CHAVEZ

"Always believe in yourself. Do this and no matter where you are, you will have nothing to fear." -Hayao Miyazaki





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shorts vacation watermelon play fruit hiking popsicle lemonade

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Tommy's Graduation Dilemma

BY USHNA ANWAR

Staff Illustrator



In response to school being interrupted by the Coronavirus as well Seniors not being able to get a normal graduation the staff at THS decided to make a video titled "Torrance High

Cares." in which faculty and staff send a message to all Tartars. The 11 minute and 38 second video can be found on the Torrance High ASB channel on YouTube. In the video THS faculty and staff remind students that they care about them, they miss them, and they can't wait to see them again. Some staff members give advice to students understanding that although times may be tough now, they will eventually get better. During these troubling times we must remember we have people that care about us even if we feel that we don't and that as long as we do our part the faster things will return back to normal.

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